



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
Jacob McGuire)
Application No.: 09/843,766) Group Art Unit: 2152
Filed: April 30, 2001) Examiner: Dohm Chankong
For: TEMPLATE-BASED SYSTEM FOR) Confirmation No.: 9191
AUTOMATED DEPLOYMENT AND)
MANAGEMENT OF NETWORK)
DEVICES)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of the claims. The withdrawal of the previous grounds of rejection based upon the Belknap et al. patent is noted with appreciation.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, on the grounds that it was considered to be unpatentable over the newly-cited Ballard patent (US 4,937,825) in view of the Anand et al. patent (US 6,748,436). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over the Ballard and Anand patents in view of the Merchant patent publication (US 2002/0128815). Claims 7 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over the Ballard and Anand patents, in view of the McNeely et al. patent publication (US 2002/0162059). The Office Action does not state the specific ground of rejection for the other pending claims. However, it is assumed that these other claims are being rejected on a combination of the Ballard and Anand patents.